

FARMS AND FARMLAND UTILIZATION

The number of farms in New York (*places selling \$1,000 or more of agricultural products in a year*) totaled 39,000 in 1999, 1,000 more than a year earlier. Total land in farms remained at 7.80 million acres. Farmland accounts for 26 percent of the State's total land area.

Total cropland stands at 5.03 million acres and accounts for 64 percent of total land operated. Harvested cropland at 3.89 million acres represents 50 percent of total land operated. Field crops such as corn, hay, haylage and

greenchop, small grains, potatoes, soybeans and other field crops account for 94 percent of the total cropland harvested. Vegetable crops make up 3.9 percent and fruit crops 2.5 percent.

Estimates of farmland utilization are shown in table 3 below. The estimates are based on annual surveys with about 10,000 farms reporting each year. County estimates for major land use categories appear at the end of this book.

Table 3. FARMS AND FARMLAND: Number of Farms, Land in Farms and Land Use,
1990-1999

Item	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999
Number of farms	38,50	38,00	38,00	38,50	38,50	38,00	38,00	38,00	38,00	39,00
Acres per farm	218	218	216	210	205	208	205	205	205	200
Land in farms	8,400	8,300	8,200	8,100	<u>Thousand acres</u> 7,900	7,900	7,800	7,800	7,800	7,800
Cropland, Total	5,360	5,270	5,140	5,080	5,000	5,000	4,980	4,980	4,980	5,030
Cropland harvested, Total <u>1/</u>	3,867	3,752	3,768	3,749	3,808	3,700	3,730	3,760	3,770	3,890
Field crops harvested	3,615	3,500	3,522	3,503	3,562	3,446	3,482	3,510	3,519	3,643
Vegetable crops harvested	151	153	143	143	144	155	146	152	154	150
Fruit crops harvested	101	99	103	103	102	99	102	97	97	97
Cropland Pasture	750	740	720	700	690	710	700	680	670	640
Other Cropland	743	778	652	631	502	590	550	540	540	500
Permanent Pasture <u>2/</u>	730	720	740	710	680	680	670	670	670	640
Woodland <u>3/</u>	1,690	1,690	1,700	1,660	1,600	1,600	1,560	1,560	1,560	1,530
Other Land <u>4/</u>	620	620	620	650	620	620	590	590	590	600

1/ Beginning with 1992, field crops harvested and cropland harvested includes acres harvested only for haylage or greenchop.

2/ Excludes cropland and woodland pasture.

3/ Includes woodland pasture.

4/ Includes house lots, ponds, roads, waste, etc.